Public Notice

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 4 (URBAN GROWTH) TO THE OPERATIVE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT PLAN - CALL FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS

23 November 2026

The South Waikato District Council (Council) hereby gives public notice under Clause 7 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) that it has prepared a Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters on Proposed Plan Change 4 (Urban Growth) to the South Waikato District Plan (Plan Change 4) and the further submission period is now open until Monday 7 December 2026 at 5.00 pm.

Plan Change 4 proposes to alter the zoning of land in Tīrau, Putāruru and Tokoroa to provide areas zoned general residential, rural lifestyle, general industrial and future urban. The re-zoning is required to provide land to meet the future housing and business demand in the district. A total of 42 submissions were received.

Viewing the submissions:

From 23 November 2026, the Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters Report and full copies of the original submissions can be inspected on Council's website www.southwaikato.govt.nz or in person during business hours at the following locations:

- Tīrau Information Centre, State Highway 1, Tīrau
- Putāruru Public Library and Service Centre, 2 Overdale Street, Putāruru
- Huihuinga Rau Community Hub and Library, 58 Mannering Street, Tokoroa

Please contact Eshrita Lata on 07 985 3147 if you have any questions about the proposed plan change.

Who can make a further submission:

- Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
- Any person who has an interest in Plan Change 4 greater than the interest that the general public has; and
- Council itself.

You can make a further submission by:

- Sending a written further submission to South Waikato District Council at Private Bag 7, Tokoroa 3444 or via email to DPSubmissions@southwaikato.govt.nz
- Dropping off a completed hard copy further submission form to:
    - Tīrau Information Centre, State Highway 1, Tīrau
    - Putāruru Public Library and Service Centre, 2 Overdale Street, Putāruru
    - Huihuinga Rau Community Hub and Library, 58 Mannering Street, Tokoroa

What a further submission must include:

Further submissions may be made using Form 6 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your further submission. Copies of Form 6 are available from Council's offices and on Council's website at www.southwaikato.govt.nz

A further submission may only support or oppose an original submission and must give reasons. It cannot raise new matters. Please state the original submission point it relates to (for example, 01.12), as listed in the Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters Report.

Further submissions close on Monday 7 December 2026 at 5.00pm.

Important note:

You must serve a copy of your further submission on the person who made the original submission within five (5) working days of lodging it with Council. Each submitter's address for service is included in the Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters Report.

Process for Plan Change 4:

The process for public participation in the consideration of Plan Change 4 is as follows:

- After the closing date for further submissions, Council will prepare a report, and a hearing will be held.
- Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions).
- Council must give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying Plan Change 4.
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on Plan Change 4 to the Environment Court.

This notice is published under Clause 7 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.

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South Waikato District Council